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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

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Substitute claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as follows
for pending claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13,
respectively:

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1. (Amended) Fuel pressure pulse damper comprising a metallic damper body defining a chamber in which a flexible diaphragm is received in a manner to dampen fuel pressure pulses between a fuel pump and fuel injectors of a vehicle fuel system, said damper body including a first fitting for receiving pressurized fuel and a second fitting for connection to a fuel rail for supplying pressurized fuel to fuel injectors of the vehicle engine, said diaphragm forming a first chamber that communicates to pressurized fuel entering the first fitting and leaving the second fitting and a second sealed chamber on an opposite side of said diaphragm.

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